



Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Rural
District of Stratton for the year ending
31st December 1946

SECTION A.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area	56,285 acres
Estimated Population	5,120
Inhabited Houses	1,465
Rateable Value	£22,445
Penny Rate Produces	£94. 19. 4d.

Physical and General Character. Agricultural

The District is mostly Agricultural with many small Hamlets. Many of the Farm houses cater for visitors.

Vital Statistics.

Total number of deaths	66.	Male 37; Female 29. Rate per 1,000 12.89
Total number of deaths under 17	5.	Male 3; Female 2.
over 65	41.	Male 19; Female 22.
Total number of Births	56.	Male 22; Female 34. Rate per 1,000 10.93
Natural decrease	10	
Deaths from puerperal causes	Nil	
Deaths from Phthisis	Nil	
Deaths from Cancer	11	Male 9; Female 2.
Deaths from Measles, Whooping Cough, Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria,	Nil.	
Deaths due to Enemy Action,	Nil.	
Deaths of Residents who died outside the District,	11.	Male 6. Female 5.



SECTION B.

GENERAL Provision of Health Services for the Area.

1. (1) One part time Medical Officer of Health
One whole time Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.
 - (2) a. Laboratory Facilities. Nil
 - b. Ambulance Facilities. One Ambulance supplied jointly by the Stratton Rural District and Bude-Stratton Urban District Councils.
 - c. Nursing in the Home. Provided by the Local Nursing Association.
 - d. Treatment Centres and Clinics. Situated at Bude and Launceston.
 - e. Hospitals. Cottage Hospital situated at Stratton contains 18 beds.
Isolation Hospital containing 14 beds is maintained jointly by the Urban and Rural District Councils.
2. Maternity and Child Welfare.
 - (1) Three midwives resident in the District.
Welfare Officer from Truro.
Clinics at Bude and Launceston.
 - (2) Institutional Provision for Mothers and children.
At Launceston.
 - (3) Health Visitors. Provided by the County.
 - (4) Child Life Protection. No regular visitors.
 - (5) Dental, Orthopaedic, etc. cases. Schools visited by Doctors. Orthopaedic cases attend Clinic at Bude and Launceston.
 3. Nursing Homes. Maternity Home in Bude.

SECTION C.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

1. (1) Water. The Village of Marhamchurch, and Widemouth in the Parish of Poundstock are supplied from the Bude-Stratton Urban District Main Water Supply.
With regard to the latter the supply of water is purchased in bulk from the Urban District Council by the Widemouth Private Water Company, and the present distribution mains are unsatisfactory.

A local main supply Scheme is now being laid through the village of Kilkhampton from a bore-hole which was sunk just outside the village. This water will be laid into the new Council houses but the remainder of the village will be supplied through stand-pipes, as the supply is insufficient for full services to all the houses.

The preparation of the scheme for supplying the whole of the Rural District with water from the Tamar Lake Reservoir is still in progress.

With the exceptions mentioned above the district is in general dependent on privately owned wells and pumps.

(2) Drainage and Sewerage.

The larger villages are partially sewered and the isolated houses are drained into septic tanks and Cesspits.

During the year under review a small Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme has been carried out at North Tamerton, the main purpose of which is to serve the Council houses now in course of erection, together with the adjacent buildings.

An extension has been made to the Sewerage Scheme at Shop, Morwenstow to serve the Council houses recently erected and the properties in the near vicinity.

In general the Sewerage and Sewage Disposal arrangements throughout the District cannot be regarded as satisfactory but these matters have received the serious attention of the Council during the year and a start has been made in the improvement of these essential services by instructions being given to the Council's Consulting Engineers to prepare Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Schemes for the village of Kilkhampton and Widemouth in the Parish of Poundstock.

2. Rivers and Streams.

No cases of pollution have been reported.

3. (1) Closet Accommodation.

In general the closets in the area are on the conservancy system but a number of houses in the villages and certain isolated houses are provided with Water Closets.

(2) Public Cleansing.

Refuse is collected by the Council in the Parishes of Poundstock, Kilkhampton, St. Gennys, Marhamchurch and Morwenstow, and during the year further collections have also been introduced in the Parishes of Week St. Mary, Whitstone and North Tamerton.

(3) Shops and Offices. No action has been necessary.

(4) Camping Sites.

No complaints have been made or received regarding the Camping Sites in the district during the year.

Number of sites in respect of
which licences have been issued
under Section 269 of the Public
Health Act 1936..... 5

(5) Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Total number of inspections made for
all purposes..... 771
New Private water supplies provided 1
No. of samples of water analysed 15
Satisfactory 12; Unsatisfactory 3.
Existing water supplies improved 4
Pail or Privy closets converted to
Water closets 11
New drains laid to existing premises.... 16
Existing drains repaired..... 6
Complaints received..... 36
Nuisances abated..... 17
Cowsheds and Dairies inspected..... 19
No. of inspections of Bakehouses..... 6
Premises fumigated..... 5
No. of inspections of Sewerage and
Sewage Disposal Works. 50.

Housing Statistics.

Number of New Houses..... 11
By the Local Authority 10
By other persons..... 1

(6) Smoke Abatement. No action has been necessary.

(7) Swimming Baths and Pools. None

(8) Eradication of Bed Bugs. No action has been
necessary.

4. Schools. The Schools have been periodically
inspected and are reasonably satisfactory.

SECTION D.

1. Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year :-

(1) (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected
for housing defects (under Public Health
or Housing Acts) 110
(b) Number of inspections made for the
purpose 139
(2) (a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under
sub-head (1) which were inspected and
recorded under the Housing Consolidated
Regulations 1925 27
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.. 27

(3)	Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	9
(4)	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head)found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation	49
2. <u>Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice.</u>		
	Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	35
3. <u>Action under Statutory Powers during the year.</u>		
(a)	Proceedings under Section 9,10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
(1)	Number of houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.....	Nil
(2)	Number of houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice	
	(a) by Owners.....	Nil
	(b) by Local Authority in default of Owners.....	Nil
(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts.	
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied...	1
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	
	(a) by Owners.....	1
	(b) by Local Authority in default of owners.....	Nil
(c)	Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act 1936	
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made.....	Nil
(2)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.....	Nil

- (d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.
- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing Orders were made..... Nil
- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit..... Nil

4. Housing Acts, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding.

- (a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year 5
- (ii) Number of families dwelling therein 5
- (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein 28
- (b) Number of new cases reported during the year..... Nil
- (c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year..... Nil
- (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases..... Nil
- (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding Nil
- (e) Any other particulars in respect of overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report..... Nil

SECTION E.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

- (a) Milk Supply . The quality in the standard of cowsheds and methods of milking has been maintained.
- (b) Meat and other Foods. There are no slaughter houses in the District.
Bakehouses have been inspected and are well kept.
- (c) Adulteration, etc. No action required.

(d) Chemical and Bacteriological Examination of Food.

No action required.

(e) Nutrition.

No action taken.

(f) Shellfish

No beds in the District.

SECTION F.

Prevalence of and Control over Infectious and other Diseases.

No serious epidemics. Mild cases of measles,
Scarletina and Whooping Cough.

An Isolation Hospital is provided.

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